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New flag pole picked for first EUL project

By **RACHEL PONDER**
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A new flag pole being installed at McBride Parade Field on APG South (Edgewood), will replace the old, dilapidated one and the area will be "spruced up" with new landscaping, lighting and a concrete apron that circles the pole. The project, using Enhanced Use Lease funds, will be completed at the end of April. It is the first EUL project for APG.

APG receives EUL funds because the installation is leasing land to Saint Johns Properties, the company that built the Government and Technology Enterprise - The GATE - a 416-acre state-of-the-art business park, near the MD Route 715 Gate. EUL funds are used at the discretion of APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton to improve the installation.

Nathan Osborne, the Directorate of Public Works chief of master planning, said McClinton requested the flag pole to be the first EUL project, to symbolize the U.S. flag's significance to the APG community.

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2014 golf season begins

By **DEBORAH INCE**
APG News

The 2014 Golf Season kicked off April 1 and Ruggles and Exton golf courses have seen plenty of action. According to Rik Bond, manager of the APG golf program, customers were excited to get back on the courses after a "snowier than normal" winter.

Bond said the grounds at Ruggles and Exton were relatively unscathed by the heavy snowfall thanks to new equipment received last fall that helps maintain the grounds better.

The newest changes customers will notice are in the Sutherland Grille at Ruggles Golf Course. Special touches have been added to the facility which doubles as a clubhouse as well as a popular lunch stop and social site for everything from office gatherings to Super Bowl parties. Bond said changes range from the subtle to the not-so-subtle.

"We've upscaled the experience as you're sitting at the table," he said. Instead of just laminated tables, we've added glass tops and table cloths. And, we've added another 70 inch TV to watch golf, Major League Baseball and other sports. Because we have the MLB

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Photo by Deborah Ince

Arbor Day planting for future generations

(From left, front) Garrison Deputy Glenn Wait, APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton, John Wrobel, acting chief of the DPW natural resources branch and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin plant a pin oak seedling in the Garrison garden to celebrate Arbor Day, April 2, as environmental staff members (from left, rear) Dr. Deidre DeRoia, Kate Aichroth, JanMichael Graine, Jessica Baylor and Mascot Smokey the Bear, from the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, look on after the Tree City USA award ceremony at the Garrison headquarters Bldg. 305.

Read more about the APG Garrison's environmental awards on page 3

Army mourns loss of Soldiers

Fort Hood community braves second tragedy

By **DAVID VERGUN**
Army News Service

For the Fort Hood, Texas, community and the Army Family worldwide, "this is a time once again to come together, to stand as one as they have so many times before, drawing strength from each other," Army Secretary John M. McHugh told lawmakers last week.

McHugh and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno appeared before a Senate Armed Services Committee posture hearing that was supposed to focus on readiness, manpower, modernization and the budget. But after the hearing opened, the focus quickly shifted to the tragedy at Fort Hood, in which a Soldier allegedly killed three other Soldiers and then killed himself.

Sixteen other Soldiers were injured, three critically, but the rest were reported to be in stable condition. The gunman killed himself when confronted by a female military police officer, McHugh said.

"We lost people who are part of our Army Family," Odierno told the senators, "and we take that incredibly seriously."

The general said he spent a lot of time at Fort Hood as a

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Cortez

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno testifies about the Fort Hood, Texas, shootings that took place April 2 during a Senate Armed Services Committee posture hearing, April 3.

APG forms SAAM/SHARPE message



Story and photo by **DEBORAH INCE**
APG News

Sexual harassment and assault will not be tolerated at Aberdeen Proving Ground—that's the message that members of Team APG sent April 3 during the Sexu-

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Runners form a human ribbon at CAPA Field in APG South (Edgewood) April 3 after the APG Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) Kickoff 5K Run to demonstrate Team APG's unity and commitment to preventing and combating sexual harassment and assault. Most participants wore teal, the color associated with sexual assault, as determined by the National Violence Resource Center.

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STREET TALK

What is your favorite movie or TV show?

Tangled because [Princess Rapunzel] has a purple dress.



Isabelle Jester, 5

I don't have a favorite movie, but I have a favorite thing. Dinosaurs, because they roar.



Keegan Passwater, 5

Rapunzel. I like to watch it. That's what my mom lets me watch. I like her long hair.



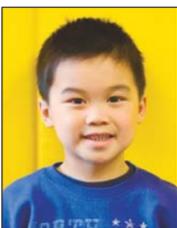
Jaylah Thompson, 4

Dora and Diego and Hello Kitty because I love all girl stuff.



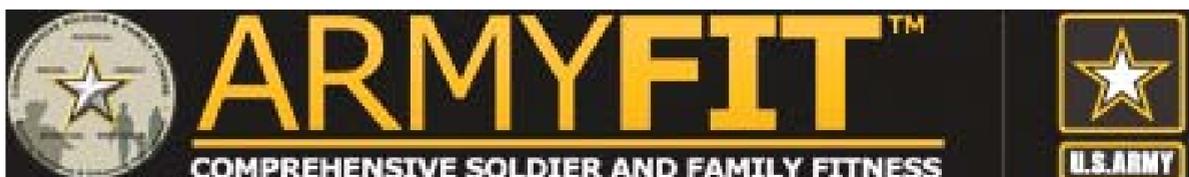
Kennedy Warren, 5

Mickey because Mickey has a mouse house. He gets the Mouseketeers and has a lot of things and goes on adventures. On a movie once he went to a beach.



Justin Eng, 5

OPINION



Building resilience in the civilian workforce

To all civilian employees,

You, along with our Soldiers and their Families, are the strength of our Army. That's why I'm excited to share with you information about a new voluntary, confidential online self-development platform now available Army-wide, with resources tailored to fit not only Soldiers and their Families, but Army Civilians as well. It is called ArmyFitT. Before entering the ArmyFitT environment, you will complete the new version of the Global Assessment Tool (GAT 2.0), a self-assessment survey. The GAT 2.0 includes a number of questions that will be used to confidentially assess your wellness based on five dimensions of strength: emotional, social, spiritual (non-religious), Family and physical.

After completing the GAT 2.0, you are then entered into ArmyFitT where you can create a personal profile, and receive recommendations tailored to you about how to improve your overall wellness based on your GAT 2.0 results. You can also blog, access self-improvement challenges, watch tailored videos, enter friendly competitions with other users, and join online health and fitness communities with a wide range of resources from both the Army and the civilian world. In addition to the above, ArmyFitT also provides information on your RealAgeR. RealAgeR identifies your physiological age based on the information you have input into the GAT 2.0 as compared with your calendar birth date. It also provides recommendations for ways to improve your health, where appropriate.

The information you enter in either the GAT 2.0 or Army-



U.S. Army Photo

Army civilians get fit with weekly Zumba and other fitness classes provided by Morale, Welfare and Recreation on installations around the Army. Organizations also promote fitness in the workforce with information sessions geared toward healthy diet and life choices.

FitT is completely confidential. It will not be shared with your supervisor or anyone else, though you can change your privacy settings to share information. While this is a completely voluntary program, I encourage you to take advantage of this exceptional tool. The GAT 2.0 and ArmyFitT are accessible to you at any time, anywhere. The programs are accessible using your CAC or your AKO username and password. Completion of the GAT 2.0 and review of the ArmyFitT results may be accomplished during duty hours, after clearance with your supervisor.

The tool can be accessed at <https://armyfit.army.mil/>

This online capability provides fantastic tools to supplement formal Resilience and Performance Training that is frequently offered at installation or unit level. I encourage you to work with your supervisor to coordinate your attendance at an upcoming training. The value of learning these skills first-hand from a certified trainer will help you be more optimistic, improve your ability to self-regulate, strengthen your mental agility and identify your character strengths, all of which will help you be a more resilient individual and increase your performance throughout all aspects of your life.

I strongly encourage you to take advantage of all these tools, training and resources. I truly believe that, as a result, we will be stronger professionals, teammates, and leaders, and will truly be "Army Fit" as well as Army Strong!

Jay D. Aronowitz

HQDA Assistant G-1/Civilian Personnel

Weekly Activities for Month of the Military Child

APG North (Aberdeen) youth center

Thursday, April 10: Sports Team Day
Friday, April 11: Purple Up!
Monday, April 14: Poetry Monday
Tuesday, April 15: Purple Party Day
Wednesday, April 16: Save the Elephant Day

APG South (Edgewood) youth center

Thursday, April 10: Power Hour
Friday, April 11: Pancake Breakfast
Monday, April 14: Victory Garden
Tuesday, April 15: Health Rocks
Wednesday, April 16: Puzzle Day

APG North (Aberdeen) Child Development Center

Thursday, April 10: Friendship Fruit Salad
Friday, April 11: Military Vehicle Display

Monday, April 14: Ant Farm
Tuesday, April 15: Science experiment
Wednesday, April 16: Egg Hunt

APG South (Edgewood) CDC

Thursday, April 10: Letters to Soldiers Day
Friday, April 11: Team Spirit Day
Monday, April 14: Fire Department Day
Tuesday, April 15: Read To Me Day
Wednesday, April 16: Camouflage Day

Bayside CDC

Thursday, April 10: Team Jersey Day
Friday, April 11: Pajama Day
Monday, April 14: Read To Me Day
Tuesday, April 15: People shapes
Wednesday, April 16: Cards for troops

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APG earns tree-friendly awards

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The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison marked Arbor Day with a tree planting in the headquarters garden at Bldg. 305 April 2.

The Garrison was recognized with three awards for its commitment to tree planting and environmental improvements in 2013.

According to Directorate of Public Works environmentalist Jessica Baylor, the National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, awarded APG with the Tree City USA Award and the Tree City USA Growth Award for 2013.

"The Tree City USA program is a national program that provides the framework for community forestry management for cities and towns across America," Baylor said.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation website at <http://www.arborday.org/programs/treecityusa/about.cfm>, communities achieve Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree

ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

The Tree City USA Growth Award is awarded by the Arbor Day Foundation to recognize higher levels of tree care by participating Tree City USA communities. The Growth Award highlights innovative programs and projects, increased commitment resources for urban forestry, and provides an opportunity to share new ideas and successes across the country.

Baylor said that during a short ceremony held in the Garrison conference room, the State of Maryland also awarded APG with the Green People Loving and Nurturing Trees (PLANT) Community Award, Baylor said.

"The award is Maryland's PLANT Community Award Program's highest honor. It recognizes communities with a well-established urban forestry programs."

She said that APG has met the requirements of the Tree City USA Program and Maryland's PLANT Community Award Program for the past nine years and has received the Tree City USA Growth Award for the past seven years



(From left) Wayne Merkel, a forester from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service, APG Garrison Deputy Glenn Wait, Jessica Baylor and John Wrobel from DPW's Environmental Division, Smokey the Bear, Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin pose together after planting a seedling in the Garrison garden during an April 2 Arbor Day observance.

Exchange warns shoppers about used-vehicle scams

AAFES Public Affairs

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is warning military shoppers about scammers posing as service members offering to broker the sale of used boats, cars and motorcycles through the Exchange.

In one recent case, a scammer, who posed as a Soldier, tried to defraud a man in Tennessee out of \$2,500 for the sale of a used boat, saying that the Exchange would ship the boat once payment was made. Fortunately, the would-be buyer contacted the Fort Campbell Exchange and was advised

that any ads related to used-vehicle sales are fraudulent as the Exchange does not have authority to sell vehicles in the continental United States.

"I'm glad this individual contacted us prior to wiring any funds because it has been our experience that once money is sent, no vehicle is received and the 'seller' is nowhere to be found," said Rick Koloski, the Exchange's Loss Prevention vice president.

"In the past, we've been aware of cases where these scammers have used the Exchange trademarked logo and name to purportedly sell used motorcycles and cars in the Unit-

ed States," Koloski said. "Now, they have branched out into boats. We have received a steady flow of calls from people who have been wrongly informed they are waiting on a motor vehicle from the Exchange."

The Exchange is authorized to sell new cars and motorcycles, but only overseas. Exchange facilities are located solely on military installations. While the Exchange does have mail order and Internet offerings, the Exchange does not advertise in civilian outlets such as metropolitan newspapers or automobile sales magazines. All advertisements for legitimate

Exchange offerings are published in outlets whose audiences mostly comprise military members.



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Soldier readies for All Army Bowling Trial Camp

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

An APG noncommissioned officer hopes to earn one of the four coveted spots on the All Army Bowling Men's Team.

Master Sgt. James Franicevich, a career counselor with the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command is the first Soldier from APG to compete in the All Army Bowling Trial Camp set to be held at Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Wash. May 11-12. Soldiers selected for the team will compete in the May 14-17 Armed Forces Bowling Championship at JBLM.

During the trial camp, Franicevich will play 18 games against 15 to 20 male Soldiers for the top four spots. The four Soldiers who receive the highest scores will compete in the All Army bowling team.

This is the third time he has been accepted to the trial camp. Franicevich started bowling when he joined the Army in 1994. He said he became more serious about the game while he was stationed in Fort Bliss, Texas, and he credits All Army Bowling Coach Don Aguilar, then a pro shop manager, for helping him take his game to the next level.

"If you want to get better at bowling you definitely want to work with a USBC (United States Bowling Congress) certified coach," he said. "I am working on becoming a USBC certified coach right now."



Photo by Molly Blossse

Master Sgt. James Franicevich, a career counselor with the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, practices at the APG Bowling Center April 3. Franicevich is preparing for the All Army Bowling Trial Camp set for May 11-12 at Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Wash. (Inset) Franicevich shows off the 300 ring he got after bowling a perfect game with a score of 300. In January, Franicevich played a perfect game during a Friday Night Fun Bunch League event at the APG Bowling Center.

In 2010, while stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Franicevich was selected to participate in a trial camp for the first time. He performed well, and went

on to compete on the All Army Bowling Team. In 2012, he missed joining the team by four pins.

Franicevich said competition is tough, because everyone selected is very good. Selection for the trial camp is based on performance in leagues and pro tournaments.

"It just makes you better to bowl with the best players," he said. "I watch their technique."

He said he is preparing for the trial camp by competing at local tournaments as much as possible. He bowled a score of 300, a perfect score, during a Friday Night Fun Bunch League event at the APG Bowling Center in January. It was the fourth time he bowled a perfect game.

"This was a good year," he said. "My bowling average was high, and I had a good feeling that I would be selected for the All-Army Bowling Trial Camp."

During tournaments different oil patterns are put on the lanes to test the skill

and versatility of athletes, and those patterns make bowling more difficult than in traditional recreational games, he added.

"That is why I do so many tournaments," he said. "That is how I prepare for the trial camp. Also, there are a lot of good people out there in the bowling community."

In addition to competing in local tournaments, Franicevich and his wife can be found at the APG Bowling Center every Friday night bowling with their league. On Saturday mornings he coaches his daughter and other children in the youth league. He also bowls Wednesday nights off post. In addition to participating in tournaments, he also tries to challenge himself by using different bowling balls. He currently owns 20 bowling balls, and displays them in a bowling rack in his home.

Franicevich said after he retires from the Army, he wants to be a bowling coach and a teacher.

The APG Bowling Center offers several opportunities for league play including youth leagues. Each youth league season lasts from September to May, for ages 4 to 21. Openings are available on next season's youth league. For more information, call the APG Bowling Center at 410-278-4041.

Photo by Molly Blossse



20th CBRNE repeats as basketball post champions

Defeats Bohica 42-31 in game 2 to seal win

Story and photo by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

The 20th CBRNE Command intramural basketball team repeated as the post champions after a stunning loss followed by a flat out no-nonsense win at the APG North (Aberdeen) athletic center April 7.

First, the champs lost a close one to Team Bohica a group of scrappy players from the organization that won the intramural flag football championship last year. Bohica, playing in the loser's bracket, came out on top 59-54, but needed another win to seal it. They fell short, 42-32, during a much different game 2 that saw the 20th establish its rhythm early, and not look back.

Bohica Player/Coach Thomas Melendez expressed enthusiasm for the number 3 seed's Game 1 win.

"Overall we had a great season but this is our first time beating them," he said. "Hopefully, we'll give them more of the same in the next game."

Larry Bailey, player/coach for the 20th said the team's season was better than anticipated. The went wire-to-wire without a loss – thought they had to forfeit one game due to mission requirements- and went undefeated through the post-season tournament. The stunning loss was like a wake-up call they weren't expecting, he said.

"We know we've got to go out and win this one. We'll switch it up to zone



From left, an unidentified Bohica player shadows Hersey Taylor (53) of the 20th CBRNE Command as Bohica's Karsten Reis (13), 20th's J.P. Peterson (51) and other players move in during game 2 of the intramural basketball championship April 7. The 20th CBRNE Command won the game 42-31 to win its second consecutive post championship.

for fast break points and if that doesn't work we'll just go man-to-man. It's all or nothing either way."

Game 2 saw a more aggressive offense and a defense that wouldn't quit from the seven-man squad. When J.P. Peterson, Elvin McPherson, Akeil Johns, Hersey Taylor and Bailey weren't putting up the numbers, they were backed with a swarming defense from Manu Cooper and Lee Mclean.

Bohica fell behind quickly 10-6 but despite devastating turnovers and a parade of missed shots, barely managed to stay within reach. As the halftime

score of 29-13 demonstrated, however, all fell in 20th's favor.

Bohica's Trevor Brown, Karsten Reis, Biron Cannon, Rob Williams and Melendez gave their all offensively, and Kevin Williams and Dave Hacket ground it out on offense and defense, but couldn't get close enough to worry the 20th as the defending champs cruised to their second consecutive championship, closing out the contest with a 42-31 score.

Bailey said he expected the outcome all along.

"We did a good job of coming together. We should have won the first one. I'm very

proud of these guys," he said.

J.P. Peterson, who anchored the team with swooshing and timely 3-pointers, said that knowing one's teammates is key to winning championships.

"Most of the time we play against each other, off the court," he said. "You've got to know your personnel. We know each other well and we feed off each other's capabilities."

"We'll be back again next year," Bailey added with confidence. "For sure we're going for the three-peat."

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RDECOM Salutes STEM Hero: Dr. Young

By **DENNIS NEAL**
RDECOM

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command is recognizing employees who go above and beyond in support of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. For its first honoree, RDECOM salutes Dr. Sandra Young.

Young is a materials engineer with RDECOM's Army Research Laboratory. She has a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a doctorate in polymer science and engineering. She has worked for the Army for 14 years and has been involved with STEM outreach for just as long.

Question: When did you first become interested in science?

Answer: My mom is a chemist, and she has a master's degree in analytical chemistry, so I heard about science from a very young age. In high school I remember you fill out those evaluations -- what you want to do in the future -- and I always had said I wanted to be an engineer. I remember going to DePaul [University], where I did my undergrad in chemistry. Everybody has classes that are particularly hard and you kind of push through it but it was actually being in a lab and doing an internship that had the biggest impact on keeping myself on track to go into engineering. So I got my bachelor's degree in chemistry but then ended up going on to get my Ph.D. in polymer science and engineering.

Question: How did you end up where you are today?

Answer: When I was in graduate school, one of the grants that we had was from the Army Research Office. So, in effect, I am a product of Army education outreach. One of the people who came and gave a talk was from the Army Research Lab, Dr. Nora Beck Tan. I was pretty close to getting done at the time and she encouraged me to come up and give a talk and to consider doing a post-doc and that's pretty much how I ended up here.

Question: Science, technology, engineering and mathematics, known as STEM, has really become a buzzword, why is STEM so important?

Answer: STEM is really important not only in our DoD community but in the country. There are numerous professions that have to do with science, technology, engineering and math, but also a lot of the



Photo by Conrad Johnson

Dr. Sandra Young works with students from Baltimore County during a session at the STEM and Education Outreach Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Young is a materials engineer with the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Army Research Laboratory and is being honored as a STEM Hero for her efforts in promoting STEM outreach.

products that come out on the market. We live in a pretty high-tech society, so having people have a basic understanding of different STEM subjects is pretty important even if it's at a very rudimentary level. We really try to encourage people to get a very basic understanding of critical thinking skills and of STEM technologies so they can make educated decisions.

Question: Why did you get involved with STEM?

Answer: I've been involved in the American Chemical Society for many years, and they have pretty strong STEM education outreach and community activities. And it was really fun interacting with the students. So part of it was just starting out as 'hey, this is kind of fun.' You get to interact with students. You get to learn from them because when you have to teach somebody else something, you never know what kind of questions they're going to ask. You have to do a really broad sense of research on the topic even if it's for third-, fourth-, fifth-graders. So it started off as just this kind of fun, side thing that we did and it kind of evolved into getting a lot of people in the community involved.

Question: How many years have you been involved with STEM and how many volunteer hours do you think you have put in?

Answer: I couldn't tell you the number of hours. That's something a colleague of mine, Dr. Rose Pesce-Rodriguez, and I joke about. We've done things on the weekends, we've done things on holidays, we're at library events; you're always doing something related to STEM. I've been doing this since 1999, so it's a long time now. I couldn't even tell you the number of hours.

You think about how you got where you are today and, inevitably, it has to do with mentoring. And so when you mentor students, you not only learn a lot, they learn a lot and you influence their future. And that's very meaningful. People want to have meaning in their careers and make sure it's not just doing something that maybe is 20 or 30 years off from seeing a realization. And this has direct impact so it really is a fun thing.

Question: You were instrumental in establishing the STEM and Education Outreach Center on Aber-

deen Proving Ground. How did the idea of the facility come about?

Answer: We kind of talked about it for the last five or six years. We had programs that operated during the summers where we bring students in through GEMS, Gains in the Education of Math and Science, for a week-long program but over several weeks in the summer. There were a number of issues that came up with regards to doing that.

You have to escort the students at all times, making sure there is nothing that the students shouldn't see in the labs, make sure they're in a decent lab space, a lot of things. I was working in labs with explosives and propellants. Even with the small quantities we're dealing with, you don't want the students around certain materials. We wanted to have space where we could bring students where there were real lab working spaces that were ultimately the safest place for students to be that aren't mimicking the stuff they have at their schools.

I think it was brought up in a meeting in 2011 when we first started talking about, if you could have anything you want, what would it be? And we talked about a facility and the idea kind of spun off after that.

Question: Is there anything that you would like to add?

Answer: I think probably the biggest thing that we try to encourage here with bringing in students is that STEM is accessible to everyone. I think that's important to communicate. We're not trying to just make this for the kids who are supposedly 4.0 [grade point average], your perfect-grade students, because I've known a lot of people who have perfect grades and you get them in a lab and they're not creative. They're just very formulaic because they know how to follow a lab but that doesn't mean that you're a great scientist per se. That means you're very good at remembering things and taking tests.

We are really trying to foster an environment where STEM is accessible to everybody, and we really want unconventional thinkers. I think encouraging the diversity of the sciences is going to be very important for that.

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'Take back your Army' from sexual predators

By **DAVID VERGUN**
ARNEWS

"Take back your Army from those who harm or assault our Soldiers. Take back your Army from those who ignore the values and who stain our honor. Take back your Army from those who fail to lead," said Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh.

The stain to which he referred is sexual assault and harassment.

The secretary, along with Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III, were the featured speakers at a Pentagon ceremony marking the start of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, observed in April.

This year's theme is "Speak Up! A Voice Unheard is an Army Defeated."

The secretary's call to action is being heeded and the message is getting out. Victims are feeling more confident and are reporting these crimes and when they do, they feel they will be taken seriously and that their commanders will follow up and act, McHugh said.

That Soldiers are stepping up is not merely anecdotal.

Survivors have had the courage to come forward and report the crimes against them, Odierno said, citing a 51 percent increase in reported sexual assaults from 2012 to 2013, with about 10 percent of those reports citing trauma, which occurred more than a year earlier.

"I believe that's starting to show confidence that the Army is taking this seriously, that the chain of command is taking this seriously," he said.

McHugh credited the rise in victim reporting with a number of factors, including increasing the number of well-trained victim advocates and sexual assault response coordinators who have had extensive background checks done

on them. Also, prosecutors and investigators are receiving better training.

Additionally, there is now a requirement for mandatory comments on officer and

noncommissioned officer evaluation reports, detailing how they're fostering climates of dignity and respect and adherence to the Sexual Harassment / Assault Response and Prevention program, known as SHARP.

Besides better training and reporting requirements, Odierno said the culture is changing at the small-unit level, and that's where change is most effective.

"We won't succeed at this with PowerPoint slides or briefings in large formations and mandatory training," as was the case with training in the past, he said.

Rather, he challenged leaders at every level to get their Soldiers together in small groups and talk about the problem. "Every leader needs to take ownership of this problem."

Odierno referred to sexual assault and harassment as an "insider threat," affecting the "credibility of our institution."

Dealing with this insider threat, he said requires using the chain of command and, when necessary, the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

"The UCMJ, when implemented properly, is the best tool possible to prosecute offenders and protect survivors because it allows the commander to take actions beyond that of civilian courts, to prosecute both sexual assault and harassment, on or off post," he explained.

Odierno implored Soldiers to take this problem head on and intervene when harassment is observed at its earliest stage.

"It's reprehensible that anyone who wears this uniform threatens or assaults a member of the Army Family," he said. "These crimes destroy the lives of indi-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Cortez

(From left) Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III awards the Meritorious Service Medal to Master Sgt. Richard Fry for being selected as the Army's 2014 Sexual Assault Response Coordinator of the Year. The presentation was made during a Pentagon ceremony that marked the start of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

viduals, degrade the readiness of our force for war, and threaten the very core of our institution and the Army profession."

He added that the issue is about trust and that every act of sexual assault or harassment violates that trust. "The American public expects the Army to get this right."

Chandler called sexual assault and harassment a "cancer" that needs to be sliced out.

Like the secretary and chief, he said he's been greatly encouraged by what he's seen over the course of just the last year at town hall meetings he frequents where he interacts with Soldiers on a personal level.

"Just over a year ago, you'd be lucky if you [could] find less than 25 percent of the audience that would say 'I would trust my first sergeant if I came forward with an issue,'" he said, adding that now that proportion has risen dramatically.

He said non-commissioned officers are stepping up to the plate and are taking charge and holding each other and their subordinates accountable.

The dynamic is changing as more

and more Soldiers feel a sense of trust between themselves and their leaders, he said. Soldiers are looking out for their "battle buddies."

Chandler acknowledged that the Army still has a long way to go before the cancer is removed, and despite progress being made, no one should be complacent.

He said it will take Soldiers like Master Sgt. Richard Fry to get this accomplished.

Fry was recognized during the ceremony as a driving force for leading cultural change at his unit, the 18th Engineer Brigade, in Schweinfurt, Germany, last year where he served as a sexual assault response coordinator. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal during the ceremony for being selected as the Army's 2014 Sexual Assault Response Coordinator of the Year.

Dr. Christine Altendorf, director of the Army SHARP program, also spoke, adding that she hoped this year's awareness campaign encourages even more survivors to step forward and that Soldiers and Army civilians become more educated about preventing sexual assault.

“These crimes destroy the lives of individuals, degrade the readiness of our force for war, and threaten the very core of our institution and the Army profession.”

Gen. Ray Odierno
Army Chief of Staff

CECOM IUID team makes its mark

By **PAMELA LEIGH**
CMA

Systematic attention to detail is a patient man's game; agonizingly slow, but imperative to the overarching mission of the U.S. Army Communications - Electronics Command Item Unique Identification (IUID) office, helmed by Team Lead Jacob Dozier Jr.

It's how everyday business is conducted.

Dozier and his team provide support to local commanders by providing training on tasks like unit level marking. Recently, the 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive) contacted the team for assistance with unit level marking after Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) mandated that all equipment unmarked prior to 2004, known as legacy equipment, must be marked and entered into the Department of Defense (DoD) IUID registry by 2015.

According to Dozier, equipment manufactured for the DoD after 2004 is automatically IUID marked and scanned into the registry. Every time the equipment receives maintenance, it is entered into the system as a lifecycle event. This allows each piece of equipment to be individually tracked and monitored until it is retired and removed from the system. Unfortunately, while still functional, legacy equipment may not possess the required IUID marking.

In turn, DA tasked the U.S. Army Materiel Command to develop unit-

level marking in an effort to ensure all inventoried items are marked and entered into the registry.

For commanders with warehouses stacked floor to ceiling with IUID equipment, this could be a daunting task. However, the expertise of Dozier's team and the methodology of their attack seemingly reduces the enormity of the challenge.

The team's intent is to train the unit how to properly conduct these operations. In one scenario, they train the Soldiers about data cleansing; the process of figuring out what's already been marked, what hasn't and whether it matches the property book.

"We start by going through the unit's property book," said Dozier. "That's what the unit has to go by and everything that's on that list they have to actually mark. Some of it may already be marked, but they need to annotate that they are."

The night vision goggles in question are methodically placed on six-foot tables and CECOM's IUID Team begins the data-cleansing process. Using a magnifying glass to assist, Roxanna Brown-Mello, the IUID coordinator, reads off each individual bar code to Brian Breitigan, a logistics management specialist, who enters and later scans them in the system. Team members Nathaniel Robinson, a logistics management specialist and Ryan Adams, the team's logistics data specialist, uniformly repack the gog-



Specialist Marcus Matthews, unit supply specialist, 20th CBRNE Command, reads information from a set of night vision goggles to Brian Breitigan, Communications-Electronics Command's Item Unique Identification (IUID) Team. The CECOM IUID team recently provided unit level marking training to 20th CBRNE Command Soldiers and civilians. The team demonstrated data cleansing; the process of figuring out what equipment has already been marked, what hasn't and whether it matches the unit's property book.

U.S. Army photo

gles after each entry. Throughout the process, Dozier instructs and guides the 20th CBRNE Command Soldiers through the process before integrating them into the operation. After an hour, the IUID team has stepped back from the table and assumed a mentoring role for the remainder of the training. The Soldiers continue the assembly line operation, pausing sporadically to ask questions about conflicting information in the registry.

"It's not a difficult process, it's just systematic," said Dozier. "This isn't the type of work that you want to have to go back and redo. So it's about providing a commander with the best mechanism to conduct the unit level marking in a timely and efficient manner."

Dozier and his team provide IUID unit level marking training and support to commands at both APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) operations.



At your service

William Bond Fire Protection Inspector

William Bond is a fire protection inspector in the Prevention Division of Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services. He has served there since 2006.

Bond's duties include conducting

fire drills and annual and semiannual fire and life safety inspections on all installation buildings. He also leads on-site fire prevention training which is free for all members of the APG workforce. He most often teaches people

about fire extinguisher safety and what to do in the event of a fire.

"Do not ever put yourself in harm's way by thinking you have to put a fire out," he said. "When in doubt, let the responding firefighters extinguish the fire."

Bond's job includes fire investigations, firefighting and responding to emergency situations.

Bond started out as a volunteer firefighter at age 16. After training at Bucks County Community College's Basic Fire Academy in Pennsylvania, he became a full-time firefighter at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove, Pa. in 2001. Bond said

his brother, who was a volunteer firefighter, drew him to this line of work.

"I like helping people, knowing that what I do can potentially save a life," Bond said. "Firefighting is truly a way of life."

APG Fire & Emergency Services hosts fire prevention training the first Wednesday of every month at the APG South (Edgewood) conference center, Bldg. E4810. APG Fire & Emergency Services can also provide training for employees on site. Bond's office is located in Bldg. 4314 in APG North (Aberdeen). For more information call 410-306-0093, or e-mail william.j.bond1.civ@mail.mil.

CSA: Army watching Eastern Europe closely

By **DAVID VERGUN**
ARNEWS

The Army and NATO are watching “very carefully” the troop deployments and the exercises they’re doing in Russia, said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno.

“I think it’s important for us that we operate within the NATO framework to address these issues and we are doing that,” he told lawmakers in reply to a question regarding what the Army is doing about the situation in Ukraine, especially now that Russian troops are holding exercises near Estonia and other former Soviet republics.

Odierno, along with Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh recently testified at the House Appropriations Committee, Defense subcommittee budget hearing.

The Army is working several courses of action, Odierno continued, including providing supplies channeled through NATO or in a bilateral fashion.

“We’re conducting assessments of types of things we could do and we’re providing those to the joint staff for analysis,” he said.

While any decision to execute comes from the commander in chief, the Army must be prepared for any contingency, Odierno emphasized.

“Our NATO allies are concerned about what they’re seeing here, especially those in Eastern Europe,” he said.

Asked if the Army could move up some of its training exercises with Eastern European leaders, Odierno responded:

The Army has a “robust exercise program” that goes on throughout Europe that could be utilized to do many things. He added, “I think we’re taking a very hard look at that as we look at the exercises we have planned.”

Army training ongoing

Only last year the Army participated in Exercise Rapid Trident in Ukraine. During that exercise, armies from 17 nations participated. Members of the National Guard trained alongside Soldiers from the active component.

Also last year, Soldiers participated in Exercise Saber Strike, which took place in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Fourteen nations participated.

“We partnered with numerous nations, improving our partner capacity and ability to command and control, enhancing

our overall interoperability,” Col. Frederick Jessen, U.S. Army Europe’s contingency command post officer in charge said following the exercise last year, which he termed an “extreme success.”

NATO response force

Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are members of NATO and the U.S. is bound by treaty to defend them.

Asked what force the U.S. has that could respond if asked to do so by the president, Odierno replied that 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, out of Fort Hood, Texas, is part of a NATO response force. “They’re supposed to conduct training exercises in Europe with NATO over the next several months.”

Also, he said some Soldiers assigned to Europe are now deployed to Afghanistan. The Army could deploy Soldiers to Europe from installations throughout the U.S. and elsewhere “depending on what we’re asked to do.”

Those troops could respond militarily or as part of a humanitarian mission as part of a joint force or as part of NATO forces, he said.

While Odierno said it’s not up to him to execute that deployment, it’s his duty to “ensure we’re ready if asked.”

Trouble spots

As if Ukraine and surrounding areas were not enough, Odierno said he also has his plate full with possibilities for additional problems in the Middle East, where sectarian unrest is present, to ungoverned territories in the Middle East and Africa that are possible breeding grounds for terrorists, to the Korean peninsula and elsewhere.

And, while there are known trouble spots in the world, Odierno said it’s a challenge to predict where the next one will be. For instance, he asked, who could have imagined the problems in Ukraine a year ago?

As events in the world become less predictable and more chaotic, the Army is in the midst of a drawdown and facing the dire consequences to readiness that a sequester returning in 2016 would bring, McHugh and Odierno told lawmakers in myriad ways.

Projected manpower

Lawmakers then asked how much lower manpower levels could be reduced.

Odierno said the lowest the active



Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Cortez
(From right) Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno and Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh testify at a House Appropriations Committee, Defense subcommittee budget hearing, March 27.

component could go to meet the Defense Strategic Guidance was around 450,000, maybe 440,000, a level he termed “the floor.”

But if sequestration comes back in 2016, he said that would result in the active force dropping to 420,000.

At that level Odierno said, “I believe we will not be able to meet our mission. I believe it puts into question our ability to properly deter and even properly conduct one long, multi-phased campaign.”

More BRAC

McHugh said there was some low-hanging fruit that lawmakers could pick if they wanted an easy way to save costs,

namely instituting another round of base realignment and closure.

“We need your authorization for BRAC,” he said. That’s the “best way to provide savings.”

The savings, he said, would come from closing unoccupied facilities that still have to be maintained at great expense. He estimated that a new BRAC round could save the Army \$1 billion after a seven-year implementation period.

“That’s a hand-grenade estimate,” he said, explaining the Army is prohibited by the National Defense Authorization Act from doing that type of analysis, so it’s his “most reasonable” assessment.



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Air Force relieves, disciplines officers in cheating scandal

By **JIM GARAMONE**
American Forces Press Service

The Air Force has relieved nine officers, allowed a commander to retire and will discipline 91 others as a result of a cheating scandal among intercontinental ballistic missile launch officers at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.

Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James and Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson, the commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, made the announcements during a Pentagon news conference.

“Commanders are also responsible when our people fall short,” Wilson said.

Air Force Col. Robert Stanley, the commander of the 341st Missile Wing at Malmstrom accepted responsibility and submitted his resignation to Maj. Gen. Jack Weinstein, the commander of 20th Air Force, Wilson said.

Weinstein also relieved nine leaders from the group and squadron level, the general said. He removed Col. Mark Schuler, the 341st Operations Group commander, for loss of confidence in his leadership ability. He also removed the group deputy commander.

The commanders of the 10th, 12th, and 490th missile squadrons were also removed, as was the commander of the 341st operational support squadron. Weinstein further relieved the directors of operation from the 341st Operational Support Squadron and the 10th Missile Squadron. Finally, he relieved the 341st Operations Group’s standardization and evaluation officer.



(From left) Air Force Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson, commander of Air Force Global Strike Command and Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James brief reporters on the results of the command’s investigation into allegations of compromised test materials. James and Wilson also updated the service’s force improvement program.

“None of these people were directly involved in test compromise; however, they all failed adequate leadership, supervision and oversight of the crew force,” Wilson said.

“Disciplinary action is also being taken against the officers who have substantiated cheating from the investigation,” he added.

The investigation ultimately implicated 100 officers who were investigated as

part of the compromise, he said. “Of the 100, nine actually were not substantiated and will be returned to duty as soon as practicable,” the general said. “Details of those actions were released after all the members have been served, and they’re being served today.”

Air Force leaders will determine whether the officers can return to alert duty after completion of these actions. “The officers who had unsubstantiated

allegations will be retrained, recertified and returned to duty,” he said.

James and Wilson said they will work together to eliminate the systemic problems they found upon investigating the incident.

James said she will attack the unhealthy emphasis on perfection that permeated the base and will reallocate funds to improve the quality of facilities and quality of life for missileers.

“In fiscal year 2014, we have \$19 million funded for some of the areas within the force improvement program, including launch control center refurbishment and infrastructure repairs,” she said. “Furthermore, the 20th Air Force has identified an additional \$3 million for quality-of-life requirements.”

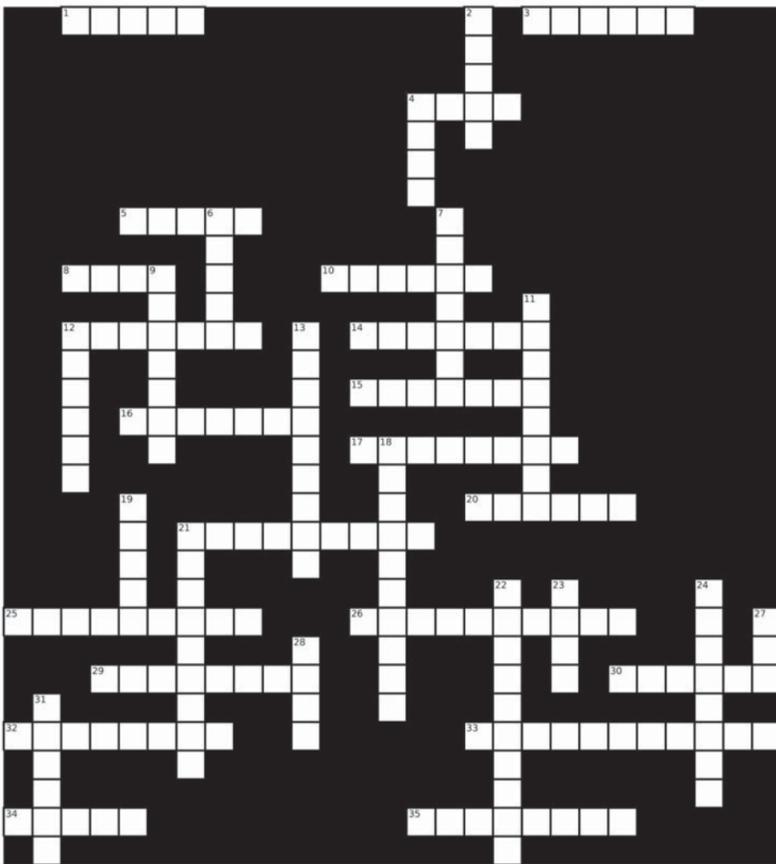
In its fiscal year 2015 budget request, the service asked for \$455 million to sustain its Minuteman squadrons, ICBM helicopter support and some critical communications areas, James said.

“Finally, we’ve identified \$154 million in other requirements associated with our force improvement program, including readiness, training and improvements to launch control facilities, to just name a few of the areas,” she said.

As the Air Force executes its funding in 2014, “we’re going to seek to re-range as much as possible to fund these important programs,” James said. “In other words, we’re not going to wait. We’re going to move forward.”

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The APG Crossword



Answers to this puzzle may be found in this edition of the APG News, or may be common knowledge. The completed puzzle will be published in next week’s paper.

Across

1. Air Force Secretary
3. Secretary of the Army
4. Fire Protection Inspector
5. First high speed, general purpose, digital, modular computer
8. Legacy equipment must be marked and entered into DoD ____ registry
10. DPW stands for Directorate of _____ Works
12. UCMJ means _____ Code of Military Justice
14. APG South (Edgewood) parade field
15. DPW chief of master planning
16. April is Sexual _____ Awareness Month
17. Month of the _____ child
20. Second best in intramural basketball
21. Director of the Army SHARP Program
25. Montana Air Force Base
26. Ruggles eatery
29. Sgt. Maj. of the Army
30. 20th CBRNE Command basketball coach
32. USBC means United States Bowling _____
33. Heading to All Army Bowling Trial Camp
34. EUL stands for Enhanced Use _____
35. Bohica basketball coach

Down

2. STEM hero
4. Manager of APG golf program
6. April 2 observance: _____ Day
7. Army Chief of Staff
9. National _____ Authorization

Act

11. ARL stands for Army _____ Laboratory
12. IUID means Item _____ Identification
13. PLANT stands for People Loving and _____ Trees
18. 20th CBRNE Command wins _____ basketball championship
19. GEMS means _____ in Education of Math and Science
21. SHARP means Sexual Harassment and _____ Response Program
22. GATE builder is St. Johns _____
23. Army recommends another round of _____ realignment and closure to save costs
24. APG airfield
27. Army’s 2014 Sexual Assault Response Coordinator of the Year
28. Fire prevention training is _____ for all members of APG workforce
31. CECOM IUID Team Lead.

Solution to the April 3 puzzle



ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

GDMLA

General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award

The GDMLA program was introduced in 1987 to recognize company-grade and junior warrant officers who demonstrate MacArthur’s ideals of “Duty, Honor, Country,” and have a proven record of extraordinary performance, leadership and achievement.

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Accessing Higher Education Track

The Higher Education Track classes are two-day training events, eight hours per day. The purpose is to help active duty and reserve Soldiers determine career, personal and academic goals; help Soldiers contribute to the selection of a higher education institution; present information about funding factors for selection of higher education institutions; and provide facts about admissions. This class is only for Soldiers that are transitioning from the military and currently going through the Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) process.

The 2014 training dates are April 16 – 17 and Sept. 17 – 18.

Contact the ACAP/Transition office (410) 306-2303 or Army Education Center (410) 306-2042 for assistance with class registration

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THURSDAY

APRIL 10

"WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES"

APG leaders and employees will don their jazziest shoes to recognize victims of sexual violence and promote prevention. A prize will be awarded for the most attention-grabbing shoes. The "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" is set for April 10. Two walks will be held 8 to 9 a.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326; and noon to 1 p.m. at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, Bldg. E4140. Sign up at <http://apgsaamwalkamilie.eventbrite.com>.

FRIDAY

APRIL 11

SOCIETY OF ITALIAN AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN FIRST ANNUAL SPRING GALA

Don't miss this opportunity to make history and be a part of something very special and unique here in Harford County. This event will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight in the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood, Md. For tickets or more information, contact Elio Scaccio at 410-206-8818.

TUESDAY

APRIL 15

SHARP VIGNETTES

SHARP Vignettes; real-life skits depicting actual sexual harassment/assault situations. Presentations will be held noon to 1 p.m. at the Edgewood Conference Center, April 15 and noon to 1 p.m. at the Ball Conference Center in APG North (Aberdeen) April 17.

THURSDAY

APRIL 17

WOA MEETING

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association's Aberdeen-Edgewood "Silver" Chapter will hold its monthly meeting noon to 12:45 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326 room 102.

Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. For more information contact retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Owen McNiff at omcniff@yahoo.com or call 571-243-6561/443-861-1936.

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 23

SPRING TECHNOLOGY EXPO

ECBC/CIO will host the 2014 Spring Technology Expo 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326, Erie Street. New events this year include technology briefings and hands-on demonstrations. More than 75 vendors with state-of-the-art technologies and innovations will be on hand.

The Spring Technology Expo is free and open to DoD civilians and contractors with access to APG. Refreshments will be available. Pre-register online at <http://www.fdaexpo.com/register.php?id=138>

For more information contact Mary McCully, ECBC/CIO Acquisition Team at 410-436-2625 or FDAE toll-free at 877-332-3976.

Vendors will include: Agilent Technologies, Allied Electronics, Anritsu, AVS Installations, Avocent, Blind Industries Services of Maryland, Bottom Line Technologies, Cambium Networks, Charon Technologies, Chatsworth Products, Control Cable Inc., Delmarva Engineering, Deployable Technologies, DowKey Microwave, Eagle Sales, Eaton Corp., EMC, Isilon, EOX Sales, EPS Corp., Ergogenesis, Fiber Instrument Sales, Gap Wireless, Getac, Government Scientific Source, Graybar Electric, GSA, HCGI, HP, IMI Integral Components, Interior Resource Group, Iron Bow Technologies, Leviton Network Services, Lexmark, Liebert Maryland Ward Boland Assoc., Motorola Solutions, National Instruments, National Solar Technologies, NCS Technologies, Nelson White Systems, NetAV, Newtec, Reps, PCMG, PacStar Communications, Panduit, Planar Systems, Plantronics, Plug-In, Storage Systems, RGB Spectrum, Radixon, Rugged Science, SMS, SMART Technologies, Spectra Logic, Spirent Federal Systems, SRC Inc., St. John Properties, STG Inc., SwishData, SynQor, Inc., System Source, Tactical Public Safety Harris Corp., Techni-Tool, Technology Specialists Inc., Tektronix, TELEGRID, Test Equity, Thinklogical, Thundercat, Vision Technologies, Wolfvision and Xerox.

APG SAAM CLOSING CEREMONY

The APG SAAM Closing Ceremony will be held 11 a.m. to noon at

the Myer Auditorium April 23. Guest speaker will be Dr. Christine Altendorf, director of the Army SHARP Office.

THURSDAY

APRIL 24

ASBP BLOOD DRIVE

The Armed Services Blood Program is sponsoring its Spring Blood Drive on Thursday, April 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Central Demilitarization Training Facility (CDTF), Bldg. E4516. To make your appointment online, visit www.militarydonor.com. Use sponsor code EDGMD when registering.

DUELING PIANOS COMEDY SHOW

Bring your friends for a fun night out with the Dueling Pianos Comedy Show at Top of the Bay. Doors open 5 p.m., show starts 7 p.m.

The, \$5 through April then \$10 April 19 and at the door, includes one free beverage (draft beer, house wine, soda or bottled water), a cash bar and table service. This event is for ages 21 and older only.

Dueling Pianos is a high energy, all request, rock n roll, comedy piano show in which the audience is as much a part of the performance as the entertainers. It's like having a live band, DJ and two comedians all in one.

Come early, have dinner, enjoy the view, relax with friends and get ready to have some fun. Seating is limited. Register early at www.apgmwr.com. For more information, contact the Leisure Travel Office in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326 or call 410-278-4011/4907.

FRIDAY

APRIL 25

TEAM APG BOSS BUNNY HOP 5K

Support Team APG BOSS by participating in the Bunny Hop 5K Run/Walk starting at the Hoyle Gym in APG South (Edgewood). The event kicks off with a Unit Guidon Relay Race starting at 6:30 a.m.; must arrive by 6:15 a.m. to participate. Teams will consist of three to four Soldiers from the same unit. These teams will compete for a guidon streamer. The safety brief for the 5K Run/Walk begins 6:40 a.m.; run starts 6:50 a.m. Participants must arrive by 6:30 a.m. Team APG BOSS will also host an Easter Bunny costume contest. This race is open to the entire APG community. For information, email Spc. Stephen Murray at stephen.k.murray3.mil@mail.mil or call 410-436-4533. Show your support with appropriate civilian attire. The Improved Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU) must be worn IAW AR 670-1.

STUDENT EARTH & ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

APG will host its 'Student Earth & Arbor Day Celebration' with the theme "The Wonders of Water" at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center, Bldg. 2522 on Bayside Drive.

The event will feature interactive displays and hands-on Earth Day science activities provided by the event sponsors and the Maryland Master Gardeners (with worm composting), LEAP: Science is FUN! (Harford County Public Library), the American Rescue Dog Association, the Anita C. Leight Estuary, and Scales & Tails (afternoon only). This event is sponsored by Team APG STEM, APG Garrison, Corvias Military Housing, the Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society, the National Defense Education Program, and the Senior Science Society.

Arbor Day is officially celebrated the last Friday in April nationwide, but on the first Wednesday in April in Maryland. Earth Day is officially celebrated April 22 nationwide.

The event will be open to school groups, civilian and contractors working on post and the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The afternoon activities are restricted to Child, Youth and School Services and APG housing residents from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 30

HOLOCAUST/DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OBSERVANCE

Team APG will host the annual Holocaust/Days of remembrance observance on Wednesday, April 30, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater. The theme for this event is "Confronting the Holocaust: American Responses." The guest speaker is Mr. Robert Behr.

For more information, contact Sheryl Coleman at sheryl.l.coleman.civ@mail.mil.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY

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DIVISION ASSOCIATION

REUNION

Attention, 2nd Infantry Division Veterans. The Penn-Jersey Branch of the Second Indianhead Division Association will have its annual reunion in Lancaster, Pa. at the Continental Inn. All veterans of the Army's 2nd Infantry Division are invited, especially those in the nearby states of Delaware, Maryland, New York, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. For more information, call Jack Woodall at 610-274-1409 or send an email to warrriorvet@verizon.net.

ONGOING

FINRA FOUNDATION MILITARY SPOUSE FELLOWSHIP FOR THE ACCREDITED FINANCIAL COUNSELOR® PROGRAM

The Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education® (AFCPE®), in partnership with the National Military Family Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, is pleased to announce the FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Fellowship for the Accredited Financial Counselor® Program application period. This program provides up to 50 military spouses with the education necessary to enter the financial counseling career field. Visit www.MilitaryFamily.org for more information. Looking for Job search information, contact the ACS Employment program 410-278-9669/7572.

THROUGH APRIL 11

CORVIAS RESIDENT VIDEO CONTEST

Corvias Military Living wants to hear from Family housing residents.

In a one-minute or less video, tell why your Corvias community is the best place to live. One winning video entry will be selected from each Corvias location to receive an iPad mini and one overall winner will be chosen from the top 14 videos for the grand prize - a \$2,000 travel voucher.

Winners will be announced in mid-May.

Email your video to MyView@corvias.com by April 11.

For more information, go to <http://corviasmilitaryliving.com/photo-release>

THROUGH APRIL 23

TOILETRIES DRIVE

CECOM, RDECOM, PHC, ACC Garrison APG, JPEO-CBD, 29th CBRNE Command, ATEC, MRICD, Kirk and CMA are collecting toiletries to benefit Harford County's Sexual Assault and Spouse Abuse Resource Center (SARC), a non-profit agency that provides 24/7 shelter to victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, child abuse and stalking. Items requested include toothpaste, toothbrushes, body/hand soap (bar or liquid), lotion, toilet paper, tissues, deodorant, antibacterial, shaving cream, shaving razors, towels and washcloths, loofas. For more information or donation locations, contact your unit's SHARP SARC or VA for information.

TUESDAYS THROUGH

MAY 20

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

American Sign Language basic and advanced classes runs through May 20, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. E3330-31, Room 270, APG South (Edgewood). Bring your lunch. Class is free. Text book (encouraged, but not required) is "A B C, A Basic Course in American Sign Language". To register or for more information, call Beth Ann Cameron, 436-7175, Pat Reeves at 436-2917 or Randy Weber at 436-8546.

CORVIAS 2014 GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Corvias Foundation has announced that applications for the 2014 Our Future Scholarships and the 2014 Our Family Educational Grants are now available.

Applications for the 2014 Our Family Educational Grants must be submitted by May 8, 2014. Grants are given in the amount of up to \$5,000 to spouses of active-duty service members at the installations listed above. Applicants may be in any stage of the educational process. Recipients will be notified by July 10.

Families do not have to reside in on-post housing to qualify. Eligible service members stationed at these installations can serve in any branch of the military.

To apply, go to <http://corviasfoundation.org>. For more information, call 401-228-2836 or email info@corviasfoundation.org

CPR, AED CLASSES SCHEDULED

The APG Fire and Emergency Services Division of the Directorate of Emergency Services has released its schedule for CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) classes for 2014. Two classes will be held the third

Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the same location.

April 16, Edgewood Conference Center May 21, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel June 18, Edgewood Conference Center July 16, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel Aug. 20, Edgewood Conference Center Sept. 17, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel Oct. 15, Edgewood Conference Center Nov. 19, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel Dec. 17, Edgewood Conference Center

Class size is limited to 30 participants. For more information or to register, contact Mike Slayman, assistant chief of EMS, at 410-306-0566 or e-mail michael.p.slayman.civ@mail.mil.

INSIDE APG

APG commanders and subject matter experts will discuss topics of interest to the local community every Saturday and Wednesday at 7:50 a.m. during "Inside APG: Creating One Community Without a Gate," a monthly radio series on 970 WAMD. For more information about the series, to schedule or request an interview, call the Garrison Public Affairs Office at 410-278-1150. For previous interviews, follow these links: <http://youtu.be/a8vuMdxmG50>; <http://youtu.be/se7hTkwnbO8>

ARMY WELLNESS CENTER OFFERING SERVICES AT APG SOUTH CLINIC

The Army Wellness Center (AWC) is now seeing clients at the APG South (Edgewood) Clinic, Bldg. E4110 twice a month. Clients will now have the opportunity to have their metabolism and body composition assessment done without having to drive to APG North (Aberdeen). Service members and their Family members, retirees and Army civilian employees can make an appointment at the AWC or can be referred by their unit or primary health care provider at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Clients can reach their goals by making a positive, long-lasting change in their health and well-being. For more information or to schedule your appointment with the AWC please call 410-306-1024.

CYSS PARTNERS WITH HOMESCHOOLERS

APG Child, Youth and School Services is trying to establish a partnership with authorized users who homeschool their children in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas. CYSS is willing to open its facilities during the week so homeschooled children can have access to classrooms, the computer lab and gym on a scheduled basis. For more information, call 410-278-7571/7479.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMAND SURVEY

Your input on the health status of the APG Community to include health concerns, adequacy of services offered, and access & utilization of services are all important to help shape the plans for 2014. What matters most to you? What are your health goals and how can our community help you achieve these goals? Please take 10-15 minutes out of your time to provide useful feedback. All feedback is welcome and appreciated.

<https://usaphcapps.amedd.army.mil/Survey/se.ashx?s=251137456E6E1E53>

FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN

RECREATION FOR TEENS

The APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center, Bldg 2522, invites all high school students out to its free Friday Night Open Recreation for Teens, every Friday from 6 p.m. to midnight. Teens are invited out to meet new friends, shoot some hoops or just play some pool. Bring up to two non-DoD friends to join in the fun. For more information, call 410-278-4995.

YOUTH CENTER OPENINGS

The Aberdeen and Edgewood programs currently have immediate openings for the 2013-2014 school year at their School Age & Youth Services facilities. Openings are available in both locations for eligible users. For more information, call 410-278-7571/7479.

PIANO & GUITAR LESSONS

Each class is a one-on-one, 30-minute session for seven or eight weeks, once a week. Parents choose a time between 3 and 9 p.m. when they register their children. Open to all DOD ID cardholders. To register, visit Central Registration or call 410-278-7479/7571. For information, email lauren.e.kateley.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-4589.

MORE ONLINE

More events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil/calendar.

APG NEWS

This Week in APG News history

By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News



50 Years Ago: April 9, 1964

Clockwise from top:

The Aberdeen Proving Ground honor guard renders honors as the train bearing the flag-draped coffin of Gen. Douglas MacArthur passes through the City of Aberdeen enroute to Washington, D.C. MacArthur's widow, Jean MacArthur, acknowledges the honor guard from the open train door. About 2,500 people viewed the train's passing. MacArthur died April 5, 1964 at the age of 84. He was one of only five men awarded the five-star rank of General of the Army.



Bowlers selected to represent APG in the Second Army Tournament include (left to right, front) Burt Slater, Sylvester Kalen and Team Captain William Burke; (left to right, rear) Curt Albrow, James Jordan and Eugene Sinar.

Spc. 4 Malcolm Spencer of Kirk Army Hospital, left, and Spc. 4 Hattie Williams, a data processor from the Ordnance Center and School, right, accept certificates of merit from retired Lt. Col. Benjamin Byers of the Aberdeen Chapter, Veterans of Foreign Wars after being named the Post Soldier of the Month and WAC of the Quarter.

25 Years Ago: April 12, 1989

Clockwise from left:

An immature bald eagle being studied by the U.S. Army Chemical Research, Development and Engineering Center's Bald Eagle Program is fitted with a tracking device during a study of the population's nesting patterns.

Drill Sgt. John Burger is selected to represent the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School in the upcoming U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command competition for the 1989 Drill Sergeant of the Year.

The new Youth Services Center will officially open Saturday, April 15 during a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The center will offer a variety of activities to Family members of military and civilian employees of the proving ground.



10 Years Ago: April 8, 2004

Clockwise from left:

(From right) Comrade Ronald Dickens, senior vice commander of the State of Maryland Veterans of Foreign Wars, pins the Korean War Service Medal on Comrade John W. Debow of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6054. Five Korean War veterans and members of the post received their medals during a March 27, 2004 ceremony; about 50 years after the armistice that ended the conflict.

(From right) APG Military Police Officer Brian Nowicki gives rulers to Devon Churchill, Mason Blettchen and other Aberdeen Child Development Center toddlers who participated in the facility's Month of the Child parade.

(From left) This photograph of 1st Sgt. Leroy Mundy and Maj. Rodney Stein of the Technical Escort Unit unfurling a U.S. flag in Baghdad, Iraq was taken during the unit's deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



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Edgewood Contracting Division establishes early cutoff dates for 2014 procurement requests

ECD news release

The Edgewood Contracting Division (ECD) – a contracting division under the Army Contracting Command – Aberdeen Proving Ground – provides contract support for APG South (Edgewood).

The following guidance is published to highlight the established Fiscal Year 2014 cutoff dates for submission of purchase requests for those customers receiving contract support through ECD.

Advance planning in identifying and submitting PRs on or before the published cutoff dates greatly enhances the ability of the ECD to meet customer needs.

The peak processing time for most contracting offices is between July 1 and September 30 of each fiscal year. “Last year ECD processed 344 procurement actions valued at approximately \$132.2 million during the July through September time period,” said Ruby Mixon, Chief of ECD Policy Office. “Due to the slow start in the distribution of customer funding this fiscal year it is anticipated that the number of actions will significantly increase dur-

ing this year’s peak period to compensate for the lag in distribution of funds. Therefore it is extremely important that customers be as diligent as possible in identifying their needs early in the cycle,” said Mixon.

Resources are stretched thin for the contracts team and customers therefore it is equally as important to submit complete procurement packages.

Mixon said, “Incomplete packages delay the process and create inefficiency. It is essential this year that upfront coordination with the appropriate Contracting Officer takes place,” said Mixon. This will ensure that all purchase request packages contain the necessary documents and approvals to avoid delays in processing awards and make maximum use of available customer dollars.

Mixon stressed that customers should ensure that all procurement requests processed through GFEBS contains the necessary information in the description. Identifying the Branch Chief as well as the Contracting Officer if known will assist routing the actions to the correct contracts team as quickly as possible for

processing.

“Purchase requests for actions that are not GFEBS enabled must continue to be submitted electronically to the ECD using the SHARED MAILBOX: usarmy.APG.acc.mbx.edgewood-contracting-division@mail.mil,” said Mixon.

Notwithstanding any prior approved milestones, the cutoff dates for all procurement requests are as follows*:

- Noncommercial items over \$150,000 – May 30**
- Services over \$150,000 – May 30**
- Commercial items less than \$6.5 million – May 30
- Delivery orders and task orders under existing contracts – June 3
- GSA schedule procurements – June 3
- Short-of-Award actions – May 30***

* All actions that require a justification and approval document prior to processing must be submitted by May 2.

** There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. These actions must be coordinated with the Branch Chief pri-

or to this date.

***Customers submitting “short-of-award” requirements must consider whether funding will materialize. Time spent processing these actions can be better utilized on funded actions.

“ECD will make every effort to accommodate those customers whose procurement packages are submitted after the established cut-off dates,” said Mixon, “however, there is no guarantee that the award will be processed prior to Sept. 30.

For more information, contact: Chief, Edgewood Contracting Division: Debra R. Abbruzzese at debra.r.abbruzzese.civ@mail.mil 410-436-2554;

Steven Austin, Branch A (ECBC, ACWA & CMA Customers) at steven.o.austin.civ@mail.mil 410-436-2449;

Thomas Dickson, Branch B (JPEO-CBD Customers) at thomas.a.dickson4.civ@mail.mil 410-436-8621; or

Diane Street, Branch C (JPEO-CBD Customers) at diane.l.street.civ@mail.mil 410-436-3750

Contracting cutoff dates for Fiscal Year 2014

Tenant Contracting Division

The Army Contracting Command-Aberdeen Proving Ground (ACC-APG), tenant and garrison contracting divisions, have established their Fiscal Year 2014 (FY 14) cutoff dates for submission of Acquisition Packages to include purchase requests (PRs) and accompanying acquisition documentation.

Early planning and customer support continues to remain the key to a successful year-end by identifying and submitting these packages BY OR BEFORE the date listed below. This greatly enhances the ability of the ACC-APG tenant and garrison contracting divisions to meet customer needs. Any packages which might be accepted after the cutoff date shall be handled on a best effort with no guarantee of award.

The following schedule has been established for the submission of acquisition packages for FY 14. This cutoff date is for the PR and ALL supporting documentation and approvals. Incomplete acquisition packages will not be accepted by the tenant/garrison divisions. Failure to include the necessary documentation could result in delay, untimely, or non-award of requests.

Cutoff Date: (to include but not limited to the actions listed below) May 15.

- Noncommercial items over \$150,000*
- Noncommercial items between \$2,500 for services; \$3,000 for supplies; \$2,000 for construction and \$150,000
- Commercial items under \$150,000
- Commercial items over \$150,000
- Services under \$150,000
- Services over \$150,000
- Delivery orders and task orders under existing contracts
- GSA schedule procurements
- Short-of-award over \$2,500**
- Maintenance for FY 2014 – (FY14 Contract Modifications and Options for Existing Maintenance Contracts)

* There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is therefore required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chiefs prior to this date. The ACC-APG tenant/garrison contracting divisions encourage customer activities to coordinate their projected FY-end require-

ments with their respective branch chiefs during the third quarter in order to discuss acquisition methods and identify those documents, reviews, and approvals required to accompany the procurement package.

**Customers submitting short-of-award PRs, especially for services requirements, must consider whether funding will materialize. A substantial amount of effort is expended to prepare these pending actions and they must be prioritized after PRs that are funded and PRs that are subject to the availability of funds. Short-of-award actions, if not funded in FY14, should be funded immediately in FY15 as a bona fide need.

Subject-to-availability-of-funds (SAF) will only be accepted by the Tenant/Garrison contracting division branch chiefs. APG activities should consider maximizing use of their government purchase cards to execute small dollar transactions for authorized items rather than submitting a purchase request to the contracting office.

ALL acquisition packages must be submitted electronically and at a minimum shall include the following:

Funded purchase request, statement of work/description of requirement/purchase description, independent government cost estimate (IGCE), service acquisition strategy (Greater than \$150,000 inclusive of options), service contract approval, COR nomination completed in VCE-COR tool, quality assurance surveillance plan (QASP), NEC approval (IT hardware, software and services), evaluation factors, complete sole source justification (Less than \$150,000 and J&A for greater than \$150,000, if appropriate), Antiterrorism/Operations Security (AT/OPSEC) cover sheet, and market research.

Who to contact:

- Chief, Tenant Contracting Division: Cynthia H. Phillips, cynthia.h.phillips.civ@mail.mil, 443-861-4812
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Flag pole is first of several planned EUL projects

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The flag pole area borders McBride Parade Field, which is used for military observances, including change of command ceremonies.

“The area will be more welcoming,” Osborne said. “It will be a better representation of APG.”

Osborne added that the flag pole was picked for the first EUL project because it is relatively small, which ensures that correct protocol is followed. The cost of the project is \$75,000.

Several other EUL projects are in the works, he said. Soon, DPW will start building a state-of-the art, multi-use 400 meter running track on Fanshaw Field, next to the APG North athletic center. The area will include gazebos, and other aesthetically pleasing amenities. Osborne said, if needed, the area still can be used for military ceremonies. The project is scheduled to be completed around September.

“This project has been in the works for a while,” he said. “The track will be comparable to what you would find at a college or university.”

Osborne said McClinton has also started a beautification initiative to improve the appearance of APG South. This year, DPW will use EUL funds for restoring and modernizing buildings like E5027, close to the Route 24 gate. The building’s existing façade will be peeled away, and replaced with stucco. The windows, doors and the roof will also be replaced, and there will

be new landscaping around the building. Other buildings, like E5026 will be demolished. Osborne said the goal is to reflect that APG South is part of a premier science and technology hub.

There are also plans to move artifacts located on the museum grounds to more visible locations. For instance, an aircraft that was used for reconnaissance missions in Iraq will be moved to Phillips Army Airfield. The museum grounds are no longer in use since Army officials cancelled plans to reopen the former Army Ordnance Museum last year, due to lack of funding.

Plans are also in the works to improve APG’s infrastructure, to better accommodate the increase of traffic on the installation, due to base realignment and closure.

“There are a lot of strategic initiatives going on,” Osborne said. “We are moving in a positive direction.”

A contractor looks on after clearing space for a shrub border for the new flag pole on McBride Field at APG South (Edgewood) April 2. The new pole is on the left, and the current flag pole, which soon will be torn down, is on the right.

Photo by Rachel Ponder



Send newspaper submissions to the APG News

Community members are asked to send all submissions for the APG News to usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.apg-pao@mail.mil, and CC patricia.g.beauchamp.civ@mail.mil. Type APG NEWS SUBMISSION in the Subject Line. You should receive a response within three business days letting you know that the submission has been received. If you do not receive a response, please call 410-278-7274 to inquire.

Fort Hood communities draw strength from each other

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commander at various levels and understands the “resilience of the community” and that the Soldiers there are incredibly proud of the jobs they do. Odierno said he’s confident of the leadership of the Fort Hood commander, Lt. Gen. Mark A. Milley, who recently returned from Afghanistan.

In November 2009, Fort Hood suffered a similar shooting incident. Then, Army Maj. Nidal Hasan killed 13 people and injured others. Odierno said he believes the alert procedures developed after that shooting, as well as the training provided to Soldiers, may have helped prevent yesterday’s tragedy from developing into something “much worse.”

The FBI, the Veterans Affairs Department and the state of Texas are all providing valuable assistance, he said.

McHugh provided facts about the tragedy that lawmakers requested, describ-

ing the investigation as still “fluid.”

The alleged shooter joined the Army in June 2008 as an infantryman, McHugh said. He deployed to the Sinai with the Army National Guard for a year, then became a truck driver. In 2011, he deployed to Iraq in the active component during the final four months of the U.S. presence there.

His records show no wounds, no direct involvement in combat and no injury that would warrant further investigation of a battlefield traumatic brain injury, the Army secretary said. He was undergoing a variety of treatment and he had diagnoses for mental health conditions ranging from depression to anxiety to some sleep disturbance. He was being prescribed a number of drugs to address those, including Ambien.

Last month, the Soldier was seen by a psychiatrist. There was no indication or sign of likely violence to himself or others and no suicidal ideation, McHugh said. The plan forward was to continue

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John M. McHugh
Army Secretary



Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh testifies about the Fort Hood, Texas, shootings, which took place April 2., during a Senate Armed Services Committee posture hearing, April 3. Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Cortez

monitoring and treating him as deemed appropriate.

The Soldier’s service record is clean in terms of major misbehaviors, he said.

The weapon believed to have been used in the attack was a .45-caliber pistol that the Soldier had recently purchased, McHugh said. The weapon wasn’t registered, and when he brought it on post it was there illegally, he added.

The alleged shooter lived off post and was married. His wife is being questioned, the secretary said.

Thus far, there’s no indication of involvement with extremist organizations of any kind, according to Army records. “But we’re not making any assumptions,” McHugh said. “We’re

keeping an open mind and an open investigation. We’ll go where the facts lead us.”

McHugh laid out what the Army is doing in the tragedy’s aftermath.

“Our first responsibility is to the Families of the fallen, those who have been wounded and those close to them,” he said. “We have ordered all possible means of medical and investigatory support as well as added behavioral health counselors.

“Any time the Army loses a Soldier, we all mourn,” he continued. “When that loss comes at the hands of another Soldier, ... it just adds to the sorry and the all-consuming sense of loss the Army is feeling this day.”

SAAM run marks start of April observances

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al Assault Awareness Month Kickoff Run (SAAM).

Held at APG South (Edgewood) CAPA Field, the U.S. Army Sexual Harassment and Awareness Response Prevention program (SHARP)-sponsored run initiated the APG SAAM 2014 campaign and emphasized Team APG’s mission to prevent and combat sexual harassment and sexual assault.

More than 200 individuals participated in the 5K run/walk event, all sporting teal SHARP/SAAM T-shirts and teal ribbons.

After the race, participants signed the APG SAAM proclamation board, pledging to band together to intervene and act when presented with sexual harassment and sexual assault issues and to motivate others to do the same. Participants also formed a large human ribbon and gathered for a Team APG photo.

The 2014 SAAM theme is “Speak Up! A Voice Unheard is an Army Defeated,” which is designed to strengthen the col-

lective moral and ethical commitment, in keeping with the Army Values and the Warrior Ethos, to show respect and dignity for every Soldier, Family member, and the nation.

By taking part in SAAM activities, the Army demonstrates its commitment to build and improve the positive climate necessary to prevent the crime of sexual assault and reaffirm the Army’s reputation as a mission-ready, values-based organization.

For more information about SAAM visit <http://www.sexualassault.army.mil/>

Participants of the Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) Kickoff 5K Run at CAPA Field in APG South (Edgewood) April 3, sign the APG SAAM proclamation after the race. The fun run and the proclamation signing were the first of several April events scheduled to demonstrate Team APG’s commitment to preventing and combating sexual assault.

Photo by Deborah Ince



DID YOU KNOW?

The first electronic, general-purpose computer was partially developed at APG?

It was a bit of a mess – 17,468 vacuum tubes, 7,200 crystal diodes, 70,000 resistors, 6,000 manual switches and 10,000 capacitors, not to mention approximately 5 million hand-soldered joints. It was heavy, too, weighing more than 30 short tons, taking up about 1,800 square feet and consuming 150 kilowatts of power.

But the Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer, or ENIAC, has a designated place in history as the world’s first high-speed, general-purpose, digital, modular computer. Hailed by the press as a “Giant Brain” in 1946, the ENIAC was designed and constructed by the Army, Ordnance Corps, Research and Development Command under Maj. Gen. Gladeon Marcus Barnes.

Work on the ENIAC began in secrecy three years earlier at the University of Pennsylvania’s Moore School Electrical Engineering, conceived by John W. Mauchly and J. Presper Eckert Jr. of the university as an electronic numerical analyzer and costing almost \$500,000. It was unveiled and formally accepted by the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps in July 1946, refurbished and given a memory upgrade, and transferred to APG’s Ballistic Research Laboratory (now known as Army Research Laboratory) in 1947. It operated from there until Oct. 2, 1955.

There were some times when the ENIAC was, well, non-functional. Because of thermal stress, the computer failed to operate at times and burned out tubes. “We had a tube fail about every two days, and we could locate the problem within 15 minutes,” Eckert said in a 1989 interview.

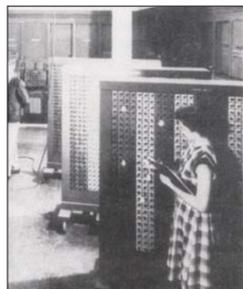
Programming the ENIAC most of the time was a pioneering group of mathematically-inclined women (because of manpower needs during World War II) who at that time were actually called “computers” themselves. Six of the women – Frances Bilas, Betty Jean Jennings, Ruth Lichterman, Kay McNulty, Frances Elizabeth Snyder and Marlyn Wescoff – were inducted into the Women in Technology International Hall of Fame. The role of the ENIAC programmers was also the subject of a 2010 documentary by LeAnn Erickson titled “Top Secret Rosies.”

In 1987, the ENIAC was designated an Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering Milestone.

Today, panels of the ENIAC can be found at the School of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Pennsylvania, the Smithsonian Natural Museum of American History, the Science Museum in London, the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, Calif., and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, among other places.

“What began with our early technology pioneers, both military and civilian, continues today with numerous contributions in hardware, software, networking, and computational methods,” wrote Dr. Robert W. Whalin, former director of ARL, in the forward of the 1996 book “50 Years of Army Computing: From ENIAC to MSRC,” edited by Thomas J. Bergin.

Alan Feiler, APG News



Ruggles clubhouse has new look

New tile flooring, large-screen TVs and wall decorations, combined with healthier food options complete upgrade

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network, it allows us to show every single game. We’ve got people from all over the country at APG. So, if you’re from Kansas and you want to see Kansas City play Detroit, you can watch it here.”

Other upgrades include new tile flooring around the bar and aesthetically pleasing wall decorations in the bar and dining areas.

The lunchtime menu got an overhaul as well, Bond said.

“We have improved our food options

with a revamped menu that offers healthier options than we’ve had in the past,” he said.

They include Salmon and Mexican burgers; Buffalo chicken, Chicken Florentine, roast beef and steak & mushroom Paninis; and grilled roast beef with pepper jack, Italian Ciabatta, deluxe cheese steak, chicken Caesar wrap and tomato mozzarella sandwiches.

“We’ve upgraded the Sutherland Grille experience for our customers,” Bond said, “and now we’ve opened the doors and are ready for business.”

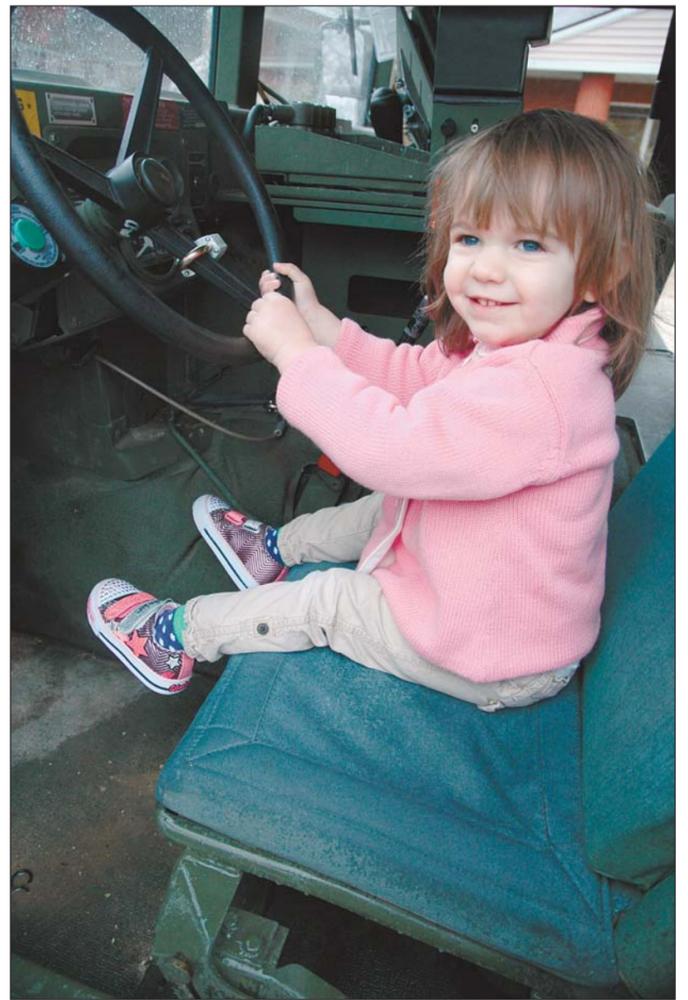


Glass-topped tables and aesthetically pleasing décor greet club members and guests of the Sutherland Grille in the Ruggles Golf Course clubhouse. The facility recently upgraded its menu and features to include healthier food choices, tiled flooring in the bar area and an additional 70-inch TV.

Photo by Yvonne Johnson

APG SNAPSHOT

A peek at the events making news in and around U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground. For complete photo coverage, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/>.



Photos by Rachel Ponder

TANK DAY

Three Soldiers from the Maryland National Guard's 1-224 Aviation Battalion visited the APG South (Edgewood) Child Development Center April 7 for Month of the Military Child activities. The children got to sit in two military tanks and handle protective equipment used by Soldiers in theater.

Clockwise, from top left

Soren Lange tries on a helmet; Mackenzie Emm pretends to drive a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, commonly known as a Humvee; (From left) Staff Sgt. Timothy Ryan smiles at Reggie Pitts-Predy while he sits in a Light Medium Tactical Vehicle (LMTV).



CREATIVE COOKIES

(From left) Tristian Henke and Beth Command, a supervisory program specialist with the Bayside Child Development Center, decorate a cookie during an April 3 Month of the Military Child event in which parents and siblings were invited to help decorate cookies. Throughout April, the Bayside CDC will celebrate Month of the Military Child with various fun activities including Crazy Hair Day, Field Day, Pajama Day and an ice cream social.

Photo by Rachel Ponder



STUFFED ANIMALS ON PARADE

Clockwise from Top left:

May Ambrose seems happy to march with her stuffed bunny during the stuffed animal parade at the APG South (Edgewood) Child Development Center. The parade is one of several activities planned by the installation's three development centers and two youth centers to celebrate the Month of the Military Child.; A pile of stuffed animals with space for a photo of a Soldier's Family member wait to be pulled from the pile in the CDC hallway. A white teddy bear similar to the stuffed animals sits nearby; (From left) Maggie Brown, Willard Combs, and Hailey Buckley show off their stuffed friends.

Photos by Molly Blossie

